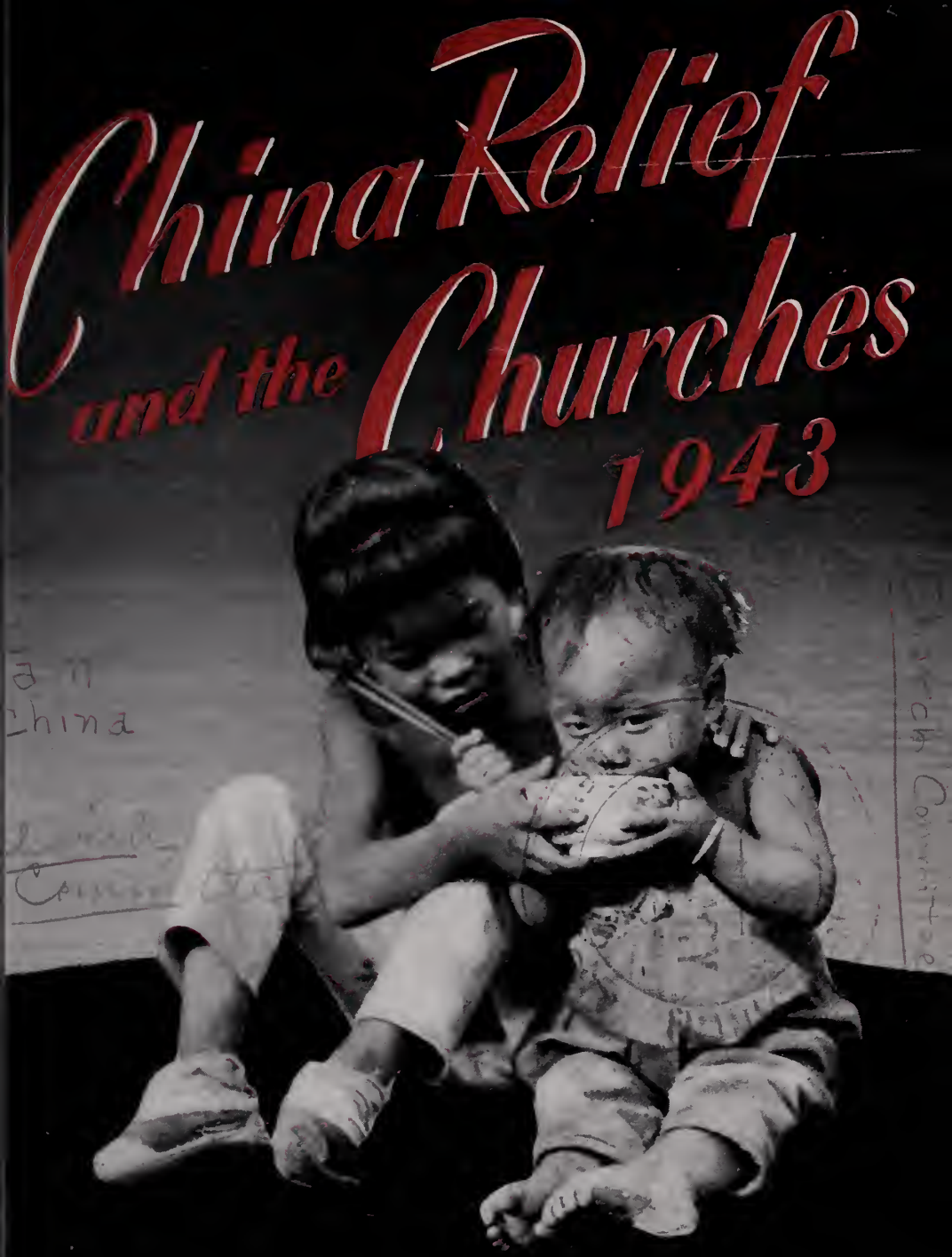
China Relief and the Churches 1943



INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS
FOR MINISTERS

Christian Agencies

HOW THEY ARE HELPING IN CHINA

The American Friends Service Committee (20 S. 12th Street, Philadelphia), maintains more than fifty British and Americans in China to drive and maintain ambulances and mobile hospitals and to transport medicines in the war-torn areas. In 1942 United China Relief granted $179,000 for support of this service.

The Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China (150 Fifth Avenue, New York City) are training specialists and leaders essential to China's reconstruction and advance, maintaining college communities in a time of desperate need. Total aid to the colleges in 1942 amounted to $761,000 including $224,000 in direct gifts, and grants of $537,000 from U.C.R., to the Associated Boards.

The Church Committee for China Relief (105 E. 22nd Street, New York City), using missionaries of all denominations as administrators, provides relief for victims of bombing, flood and famine, subsidizes hospitals and orphanages, maintains refugee camps, promotes industrial and agricultural rehabilitation projects. Gifts from the Churches in 1942 totalled $352,000 to which U.C.R. added $572,000, permitting $924,000 to be sent to China for a distinctively Christian relief program.

A Tribute to China Missionaries

"No account of China's resistance is complete, unless it records the worthy part your missionaries have played whether at the front, in the rear, in Free China, or in Japanese occupied areas. They have not accepted the facile passivity of inaction; on the contrary they have hurled themselves unsparingly and with consecrated zeal into the task of alleviating pain and misery, both physical and spiritual."

Madame Chiang Kai-shek

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To The Christian People of America:

All America was profoundly stirred by Madame Chiang Kai-shek in her visit to this country.

Is it too much to say that she must have come by the Providence of God to lead us all to a new understanding of the full meaning of China to the world, to America and especially to Christian America?

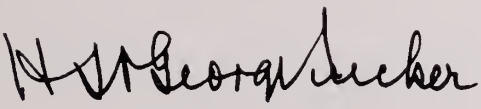
Christianity has given real values to China; now we know that China has something of her own, truly vital, to give to us. Such is the indelible impact made upon us by this marvelous Christian woman from China.

She has given us a new dynamic for our Christian services to the weary, bruised, starving or undernourished but unflinching people of China who will shortly enter upon the seventh successive year of war with all of its cumulative tragedies.

Through our Christian workers, institutions and service we can give China strength and courage for bearing her cross.

We ask your steadfast devotion to the unfinished task remaining before us.

In His Name,



H. St. George Tucker, *President*
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Harper Sibley, *Chairman*
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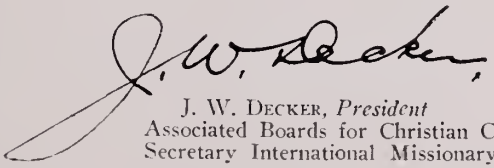

J. W. Decker, *President*
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China;
Secretary International Missionary Council.

THE Church's INVESTMENT IN CHINA

When the war started in 1937, there were in China not less than 11,450 Christian missionaries from Europe, America and Australia. 5,300 were Catholic and 6,150 were Protestant. They included besides the clergy, doctors and nurses, sisters of charity, teachers and research workers, writers and translators.

This devoted group had left their homes in order to share their best with the people of China. First and foremost they brought the Bible with its message of the gospel of the grace of God as revealed in Christ. In addition they brought modern medicine — opening the first hospital over a century ago and gradually increasing the number to 274, — three-fourths of all civilian hospitals in China today.

They also brought modern education, built up schools and colleges which gradually transformed China's whole educational system. For the Chinese Government adopted the idea of universal education and built up modern schools and colleges of its own. But even today the sixteen Christian colleges — thirteen Protestant and three Catholic — occupy a very important place in the intellectual life of the country. To classical studies they have added scientific agriculture, animal husbandry, medical training, and many other practical courses.

While bringing the best of the West to China, these messengers of the Church have also sought to carry the best gifts of China to the West. Their best linguists have translated China's classics—her sacred books, the wisdom of Confucius and other Sages, as well as her most treasured historical and poetic books. In such ways they have told Western nations of the great achievements of the Chinese people.

As a result of their labors there is now in China a Christian community numbering about four million. This includes the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, many cabinet ministers and ambassadors, bankers, business men, farmers, artisans. The leadership of this Christian community is now largely in the hands of the Chinese themselves. They furnish the predominant number of bishops and moderators, college presidents and professors, pastors and priests, doctors and social workers.

Thousands of missionaries are still at work in Free China, sharing with the people of their adoption, the rigors of war and the hardships of blockade. They not only believe it has all been worthwhile; they confidently declare that they are today confronted with an opportunity such as Christianity has not seen for a thousand years.

SAMUEL TREXLER, *Chairman,* Foreign Mission Board, United Lutheran Church: "My regard for the people of China, always high, was enhanced when I heard Madame Chiang Kai-shek. A nation that can develop such a leader must be preserved both for its own sake and that of the entire world. The Christian Church should be zealous in her ministrations to stricken China, for seed there sown, under the present leadership, will bring forth fruit a hundredfold."

CHARLES G. ROSE, *Moderator,* Presbyterian Church in U. S.: "China, patient and brave, but suffering from the results of the present war, offers one of the most urgent calls to the Christians of America. One of the Master's tests of a real Christian was, and still is: 'Inasmuch as ye have done it un'o . . . . my brethren, ye have done it unto me'."

P. O. BERSELL, *President,* Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod: "The eyes of the world are on China. The heart of the Christian world goes out to China today. It is our unmistakable duty and our Christian privilege to extend a helping hand to our brethren in distress."

J. A. AASGAARD, *President,* Norwegian Lutheran Church of America: "Relief for China at this time is just as necessary as the sending of war material. China needs to restore and conserve the life and health of her millions who are now threatened with famine and disease. This is the opportunity for the 'cup of cold water in His name' by the Christian churches of America to testify that we are their brothers and sisters and feel for them and suffer with them."

A. R. CLIPPINGER, *Bishop,* United Brethren Church: "No true Christian can turn a deaf ear to China's appeal today. That vast population represents a homogeneous people, frugal, industrious, home loving and peace abiding. For six long years China has been defending her national rights against an aggressor nation. China, as never before, needs a friend. With food and other tangible aid China is destined to become one of the greatest nations on earth. This is America's opportunity to befriend a down-trodden nation."

FERDINAND Q. BLANCHARD, *Moderator*, Congregational-Christian Churches: "The story of the Christian Churches for the last 100 years has no chapter more significant than that of missionary effort in China. At the same time the progress of the democratic ideal has no where else wrought so great a change. In China's bitter trial today, with which the destiny of Western civilization is so deeply involved, our religious faith and political ideals join together to urge imperatively our utmost measure of help."

STUART NYE HUTCHISON, *Moderator*, Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.: "The patience and courage of China, led by her able Christian rulers, has been an inspiration to the whole world. China deserves more than mere words of praise. She needs help. Surely the Christian Church of the world will not fail her."

JOHN S. STAMM, *Bishop*, Evangelical Church: "For nearly fifty years the Evangelical Church has shared in bringing both spiritual and physical help to China. This fellowship has awakened an increasing appreciation and a deepening interest in the Chinese people. Their present need offers a special opportunity for comradeship in service."

RUFUS D. BOWMAN, *Chairman*, General Mission Board, Church of the Brethren: "The Church of the Brethren for thirty-five years has been helping the Chinese develop and perfect the Church of Christ in China. We shall continue to manifest our sincere interest by active participation of both money and personnel in harmony and cooperation with other church groups working in China."

JOSEPH CHANDLER ROBBINS, *President*, Northern Baptist Convention: "China, the largest racial and national unit in the world, has long appealed to the mind and heart of thoughtful people, especially to Americans, and above all to Christians. China's heroic struggle, her potential influence upon the world's life, her dire and urgent need, all fire the imagination. Every one of us in this land of abundance can give now, and give liberally, to China Relief. Our gifts can literally save millions from starvation."

L. W. GOEBEL, *President*, Evangelical and Reformed Church: "The Evangelical and Reformed Church has written the Church Committee for China Relief into the budget of its War Emergency Relief Fund and expects to continue to support it through regular payments. In addition our members have designated special gifts for this humanitarian cause. As Americans and Christians, we shall not withhold our hands from the suffering millions of China."

C. E. LEMMON, *President,* International Convention Disciples of Christ; "For a century American Christianity has been sending missionaries to China. Now it is even more immediately important that we manifest our political, social, and moral sympathy. We must give to them generously of our means in a time of desperate need. We must feel this as an opportunity to recognize a great people struggling for a freedom which will determine the course of all humanity."

ARTHUR J. MOORE, *Methodist Bishop; President,* Methodist Board of Missions; "Nowhere is the world-wide Church more radically affected by the disturbed world situation than in China. Christianity there faces its greatest challenge and its greatest opportunity. For the Church in America to forget or neglect our Chinese brothers and sisters would be the betrayal of a sacred responsibility. Here is our great opportunity to bring not only a true and living faith to vast multitudes, but to offer healing and enlightenment to a brave people standing undaunted against brutal aggression."

JAMES C. BAKER, *Chairman,* International Missionary Council; *Methodist Bishop*: "American Christians should support China Relief in ever larger measure this year because the need grows greater as the war continues unabated. The suffering in China is indescribable and the truly Christian heart must respond in ministries of helpfulness."

JOSEPH R. SIZOO, *President,* General Synod, Reformed Church in America: "There is in the Christian Church today a new sense of compassion. Christian people are coming to a new demand for the recognition of the oneness of all of God's children. The peril is that we shall express all that in high sounding sentences and resolutions but do nothing about it. The Church Committee for China Relief enables Christian people to express their compassion not in words but in actions. The sincerity of our compassion will determine what we do for China in a practical way. I commend this enterprise to the mind and heart of our Church and all Christian people."

China's PLACE IN THE WORLD

"THINK for a moment of the general significance of this stable and sturdy people 'in a world shaken to its foundations.' It is the largest single bloc, bound together not so much by ephemeral and shifting political ties as by the more durable ties which also bind the Anglo-Saxon nations together, the ties of common attitudes and common cultures. The Chinese, moreover are socially democratic. They have no hereditary or ruling classes. They are governed by the elders of their families and villages, presenting a social fabric tough and resilient, not easily rent by war and revolution. They are the oldest advocates of a strict civil service system. They are adaptable to all sorts of climates and environments, patient, frugal and industrious. And, perhaps most important of all, in a hate and war-divided world, the Chinese are essentially tolerant and traditionally and deeply are lovers of peace.

"It is this people which has its heart more open to the gospel of Christ today than ever before in its long and honorable history. Here is a fact of such vast proportions, of such overwhelming significance to the world mission of the Christian church, as to overweigh all war-ravaged fields, all scattered missionaries, all dispersed congregations, destroyed buildings and closed schools. In the world which is to be, China has a part to play far greater than we have yet imagined.."

J. W. DECKER, *Secretary,*
International Missionary Council
(*The Watchman Examiner,* July 16, 1942)

CHARACTERISTICS THAT WARRANT FAITH AND CONFIDENCE

"Her arts and crafts, her literature and philosophy, her spiritual inheritance of 3,000 years are still intact in Free China.

"The dauntless courage and dogged determination of the Chinese people to preserve their freedom and hard-won national unity;

"Their resourcefulness and ingenuity, initiative and skill in slowly reshaping their social and industrial patterns in the midst of a life-and-death struggle for national existence;

"The patient, indefatigable industry of young and old in all walks of life;

"Their high regard for and eager pursuit of education and of the useful and fine arts;

"Their loyalty to the fundamentals of social stability: filial devotion, personal honesty, and integrity of character;

"Their genius for cooperation;

"And finally their deep appreciation of every mark and gesture

of friendliness and cooperation on the part of America —

"These are some of the characteristics that warrant our faith and confidence, and the sorely needed assistance which America alone is abundantly able to give."

Mrs. Henry H. Meyer
Mrs. Meyer spent a year in China with her husband who was on sabbatical leave from Boston University.

China as a Factor in Collective Defense

"China has in fact rendered yeoman service in collective defense. We have stood four years of war and we will stand four years more if necessary. You can count on us in working out collective defense of human freedom. There is no sacrifice which we would consider too great. The desire for national and individual freedom, with us, is as old as the Chinese race. The word 'surrender' does not exist in our vocabulary. Whatever might be in doubt as regards the future you can be sure of Chinese endurance and Chinese determination to see the thing through."

Dr. T. F. Tsiang
Former Ambassador to Russia; now
Official Spokesman of the Chinese Government

China Desires Effective Organization for World Unity

"The idea of universal brotherhood is innate in the catholic nature of Chinese thought; it was a dominant concept of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, whom events have proved time and again to be not a visionary but one of the world's greatest realists.

"Among our friends there has been recently some talk of China emerging as the leader of Asia, as if China wished the mantle of an unworthy Japan to fall on her shoulders. Having herself been a victim of exploitation, China has infinite sympathy for the submerged nations of Asia, and toward them China feels she has only responsibilities—not rights.

"China has no desires to replace Western imperialism in Asia with an Oriental imperialism or isolationism of its own or of any one else. We hold that we must advance from the narrow idea of exclusive alliances and regional blocs which in the end make for bigger and better wars, to effective organization of world unity. Unless real world cooperation replaces both isolationism and imperialism of whatever form in the new inter-dependent world of free nations, there will be no lasting security for you or for us."

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek
(In a message to the *New York Herald Tribune* Forum. November 1942)

"East and West both have foolishly tried to be self-sufficient. Neither has succeeded nor could succeed. Each must acknowledge that the other has something to teach. We hope that the West has learned the value to itself of China's spiritual strength which has sustained us in our darkest moments. We in China must learn the value to us of the scientific developments of the West. Let us, East and West, each in its own way, make unstinted contributions to the common treasury of cultural, spiritual and scientific achievements which are the only real wealth.

"Obligations of nations toward one another have been one of the central themes of philosophic thought in China for thousands of years. One of the greatest of our sages taught that humility, which is bitter medicine, in proud nations would bring its own undying reward.

'He who is great must make humility his base. He who is high must make lowliness his foundation . . .. The reason why rivers and seas are able to be lords over a hundred mountain streams is that they know how to keep below them . . . . I have three precious things which I hold fast and prize. The first is gentleness, the second is frugality, and the third is humility, which keeps me from putting myself before others. Be gentle, and you can be bold; be frugal and you can be liberal; avoid putting yourself before others, and you can become a leader among men.'

"The wisdom that echoes back to us from half-forgotten centuries may supply a need that is particularly felt in the perplexed world today, may aid us in that complete revision of our ideas about each other that will bring about mutual understanding and appreciation between East and West." (*New York Times Magazine*)

"When Confucius was on his way to return to the Kingdom of Lu from the Kingdom of Wei, he and his party rested on the bank of a river. Below was a waterfall of several hundred feet. On the opposite bank a man started to swim across the river. Confucius sent a disciple to stop him. 'Cannot you see that here is a waterfall of several hundred feet with miles of whirlpool beneath it where not even fish or turtles can live?' The man replied, 'Do not mind me,' and quickly swam across. In astonishment Confucius asked him, 'What skill or magic do you possess so that you can jump into the whirlpool and come out safe?' The man replied,'When I plunge into the river, I have faith in myself. When I swim in the current, I keep my faith in the water. My faith protects me in the current and I do not think of myself.' Turning to his disciples, Confucius said, 'If a man swim across such a river through faith, what cannot be accomplished by having faith in man?' "

Eight Thousand Students Listening to Wendell Willkie at West China Union University
Farmers Attending a Ten-day Confirmation Class at St. Bartholemew's, Shanghai
The "Hundred Hungries" Gathered for Food and Classes at a Church in Shaohing

Original Map Courtesy Missionary Education Movement

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Trucks carrying medical supplies, driven by the Friends Ambulance Unit.

Students on the march, tramping hundreds of miles to escape the invader and continue their studies in Free China.

The cod liver oil hour in a Baby Welfare Clinic.

The oldest and youngest orphans in a Christian Home for Children.

Ladling out rice to refugee children.

Boys in the Honan famine region, where the grain has been withered by ten months of drought, and where millions of people are now starving. (April 1943)

Doctors operating on a wounded soldier.

Refugee mother and children.

Sidelights on Relief Service

Arnold Vaught, a missionary who serves as Executive Director of the American Advisory Committee in Chungking, begs the churches in America to tell their people of the following conditions in China:

"For five long weary years China has been in this war—the war which Americans now realize was their war all along. Do all you can to make the American people realize what invasion means. Picture to them the motor roads and flagstone trails crowded with endless streams of plodding humanity: ask especially for sympathy for the aged, for footsore and hungry children, for babes carried by weary parents under the blazing sun, for mothers giving birth by the roadside, for those taken ill with malaria, typhus, plague, cholera or dysentery. Tell them that a very large proportion of China's people normally live within sight of starvation, and that when they must leave the little farm or the tiny business, nothing is left. There never was a chance to lay money up against eventualities. When they take to the road before the invading host, all they have left in the world are those little bundles on their backs, their love of freedom, and their courage to face the unknown."

A Dearth of Hospitals

The 15 provinces of Free China with 150,000,000 people have only 130 civilian hospitals to take care of all those wounded in air raids and the victims of war-time epidemics, in addition to normal demands. Of these hospitals 87 per cent are conducted by missions—100 Protestant and 13 Catholic. In order to maintain the indispensable service of these hospitals in this crucial time, the Church Committee for China Relief is spending $20,000 (US) per month for the difficult and expensive distribution of medicines in a blockaded country with a shortage of gasoline, and giving rice subsidies to doctors and nurses who would otherwise be unable to continue their work because of the rapid rise in prices, which have increased sixty times in some places since the war began!

The Spirit of Young China

The following incident related by Dr. Wu I-fang, president of Ginling College—one of eleven Christian colleges driven into exile by the invader—gives an insight into the spirit of Chinese students. She is telling about two girls who fled from Occupied China all the way to Chengtu in the far west, but arrived too late for the entrance examinations. She says: "Two girls came to see me and beg for entrance

We told them our regulations but tried to see if there were any possibility for us to give them special consideration. Since we have the rule of receiving girls exempted from entrance tests if specially recommended by middle school principals as honor students, I asked these girls what their school records were and if they had a letter from their principal. They answered that they were quite good normally, but at the final graduation examination the principal had told them that they should purposely do poorly in their examinations, if they did not wish to go to Japan. This is because the first ten of the graduating class are given free scholarships to study in Japan. In telling this one of the girls broke down, and we all wept with her."

With the Friends Ambulance Unit

"The work of the ambulance and medical men in Burma really did make history," writes Dr. Robert McClure. "It would stump any of you to keep back tears if you could go as I did into a base hospital last week and see a 5th Army man who had come fifty days on crutches through the jungle with a compound fracture of the tibia. He came up and grabbing me by the arm said, 'It was your chaps picked me up at the front and took me to the hospital the first time after I had been wounded, and I've never had such fine treatment since.' The seed sown in this manner is a long time in sprouting and still longer in its fruit. If fruit results from our being in China I should be most certain of the fruit of that sowing."

Airplane Carries $5,000,000
for Honan Famine in $5 *and* $10 *Bills*

A dramatic feature of relief for the Honan famine was the securing of an airplane last Fall by the American Advisory Committee (agent of the Church Committee for China Relief) in Chungking to transport $5,000,000 Chinese money (US $250,000), all in five and ten dollar Chinese bank notes. The money was needed immediately to buy seed wheat before cold weather came, and to keep the farmers alive till the harvest in May. But it was not feasible in war-torn China to send the money by telegraph, because Honan banks did not have enough cash to pay out such a large sum, and the money they did have was in notes of such large denominations that they could not be used without a loss of 25% discount. So with the aid of the China National Aviation Corporation which volunteered to furnish the plane, and the cooperation of the Ministry of Finance which secured a large supply of five and ten dollar bills, the money contributed by American friends of China was flown to the five International Relief Committees working in the famine region.

A Hospital Doctor Speaks

Dr. H. W. Tseng, a physician in the Methodist Union Hospital in Chungking broadcast the following description of his experiences:

"The speaker is but an ordinary and humble physician in Chungking. He has experienced the feeling of helplessness during air raids. He has seen his colleagues and patients covered with bricks, dust and wooden splinters as a result of fallen buildings. He has seen patients, nurses and doctors suffering from thirst and hunger for twenty-four hours when the kitchen was destroyed. He has seen surgical instruments and X-ray plants hit by bombs. He has seen a delivery room for maternity cases get a direct hit—when he was just ready to deliver a case. He has seen babies born in an underground tunnel. He and his colleagues have attended hundreds of wounded victims at a stretch after an air raid. He has seen the relatives of the dead victims dry-eyed and making no complaint. What a Spartan spirit! We certainly feel the need of your timely material and moral support. May we trust this is the way of God and in God we trust."

A Million Free Meals

Over a million free meals were served by three rice kitchens organized by missionaries at Changsha in Central China, after the great battle there, when the Japanese retreated leaving ruin in their wake. The kitchens were operated for about three months, and refugees were given one meal a day. The cost was paid by the Church Committee for China Relief. Everywhere officials and people spoke of the value of this project and newspaper editorials gave unstinted praise.

An Exiled College on the March

"Seventy-two days we have been on the way, most of that time spent in waiting." So writes Dr. J. Stewart Kunkle describing the trek of a theological college to its place of exile in Free China. "It has not been a good time to travel. Trucks are hard to get and many of them are run on charcoal. Ours is attempting it on vegetable oil, and is scarcely equal to our heavy load and the mountains. We get out and walk on the steep grades. One day we saw the truck come flying down and into a bank at the side of the road. We had a seventeen-day stay in a mountain village of four houses until broken parts of the machinery could be replaced. Now we are laid up again with a broken piston. This time we are staying at a mission house in a fair sized city. With us are two English colleagues, and two students. A truck with four of our students turned over, but fortunately our students were only slightly injured."

A Message TO THE CHURCHES

From President McConaughy of United China Relief

In 1942, Churches across the country gave generous cooperation to United China Relief by special gifts through their denominational relief agencies, and by supporting community campaigns.

Deeply conscious of the value of this spiritual and material support, United China Relief requests from the Churches the same generous support in the 1943 enterprise.

In 1942, American friends of China gave, through United China Relief, $7,127,214 (plus pledges for payment in 1943 of $2,209,676).

In China, $852,882 was used for the relief of sufferers from Japanese aggression, flood and famine. In a single city $6,470 of relief funds aided 17,000 during the Japanese attack, gave a half million bowls of rice gruel, distributed nearly 2,000 garments to the destitute, and provided hospitalization to over 1,000.

To aid the teachers and students in China, chiefly for relief and sustenance grants, $1,001,527 was spent. Most of this was used in the thirteen colleges under the direction of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.

In addition, $1,887,681 was spent for medical relief in China and $700,815 for child welfare, chiefly for the orphanages directed by Madame Chiang Kai-shek. Medical relief included substantial aid to many mission hospitals and support of the Friends Ambulance Unit directed by the American Friends Service Committee.

Madame Chiang has deeply moved the heart of America. We believe she has also increased our determination to do all within our power, through our gifts, to help her valiant people.

Through its cooperation with United China Relief, the Church Committee for China Relief at home and abroad renders an indispensable service in transmitting the interest of the church people of America to the people of China. No group in America has done more to aid our Chinese allies, particularly in lessening the devastation from the enemy, and from famine and flood.

There is no lessening of their need; may there be no lessening of our generosity.

JAMES L. MCCONAUGHY

National War Fund

The American people will be asked next October to pool their contributions for support of all foreign relief and service organizations, except the American Red Cross, in one campaign for a National War Fund.

This National War Fund effort does not in any official way supersede or thwart the foreign relief programs of the churches. The secular foreign relief agencies are barred from making individual appeals to the American people, by agreement with the National War Fund and by order of the President's War Relief Control Board. Church relief agencies, listed on the following page, are independent of government jurisdiction and of the National War Fund.

Church leaders will have sincere interest in the success of the National War Fund, and will maintain also a deep sense of responsibility for what the churches may and should do in positive Christian service to the peoples of other lands who have been afflicted by the ravages of war.

The National War Fund originated locally, out of clearly expressed demands of the people for unified, inclusive local campaigns; it was given whole-hearted approval by the President's War Relief Control Board, because of the necessity for conserving man-power, and the urgent need for unity and singleness of purpose in time of war.

Its purpose is to raise and distribute adequate funds to meet the reasonable requirements of all approved war-related appeals through coordinated local campaigns. This will be done by stimulating united campaigns all over the country and by working with local fund-raising organizations such as community chests and war funds.

United in this effort to make one great appeal to the American people will be such agencies as the USO; The British War Relief Society, Inc.; United China Relief, Inc.; The Queen Wilhelmina Fund, Inc.; Greek War Relief Association, Inc.; Polish American Council; Russian War Relief, Inc.; Belgian War Relief Society, Inc.; United Yugoslav Relief Fund; American Social Hygiene Association; U. S. Committee for Care of European Children; United Seamen's Service; French Relief Fund, Inc.; Norwegian Relief, Inc.; Refugee Relief Trustees, Inc.; War Prisoners' Aid Committee, YMCA; World Emergency Committee, YMCA; also such other war-related agencies as may from time to time be approved by the National War Fund.

Church Contributions

Loyalties to church efforts for Christian world relief and to community efforts for the National War Fund are not in conflict.

Church people are perfectly justified in continuing to send their gifts *carefully designated for China Relief,* or such part of their whole contributions to their church foreign relief program *as they desire to designate for China relief,* through the local church to their denominational relief agency.

Gifts so designated will reach the Church Committee for China Relief as the official agency of the Protestant Churches and will be included in the total gifts of the American people through U. C. R.

Denominational World Relief Agencies

Assemblies of God Foreign Mission Department
Augustana Lutheran Synod Foreign Mission Board
Brethren Service Committee
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Christian Reformed Board of Missions
Church of God Missionary Board (Anderson, Ind.)
Churches of God in N. A. (Harrisburg, Pa.)
Congregational-Christian Committee for War Victims and Services
Cumberland Presbyterian Church Foreign Missions Board
Disciples of Christ Committee on Relief Appeals
(Episcopal) The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief
Evangelical Church Foreign Relief Fund
Evangelical & Reformed War Relief Commission
Free Methodist Church of N. A. General Missionary Board
Friends—American Friends Service Committee; American Friends Board of Missions (Richmond); Ohio Yearly Meeting
Lutheran Free Church Board of Missions
Mennonites—Boards of Missions and Charities Inc.
Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief
National Holiness Missionary Society
Northern Baptist Committee on World Relief
Norwegian Lutheran Church of America Foreign Missions Board
Presbyterian (U. S.) Committee on War Relief
Presbyterian (U. S. A.) War-Time Service Commission
Reformed Church in America World Emergency Commission
Reformed Presbyterian Church of N. A. Foreign Missions Board
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United Brethren Committee on Foreign Relief
United Brethren in Christ (Old Constitution) Missionary Society
United Lutheran Church National Headquarters
United Presbyterian Committee on World Relief Appeals
Universalist Committee on War Relief

Ways and Means

Many ministers will desire earnestly to *prepare* their people for giving aid to China through educational programs spread over the entire church year. Sermons or addresses may feature the values of China as a member of the family of nations or as a centre of the Christian world movement. On other occasions China may be brought in for illustrative material.

Women's societies, young people's groups, children's classes in church schools, forums, will all be enriched by frequent thinking of China past, present and in the post-war future.

Thus, far more church people may become intelligently motivated for making generous or sacrificial gifts for aiding China, particularly through Christian agencies and institutions.

Below are listed aids and supplies securable from *U.C.R.* (United China Relief, 1790 Broadway, N. Y. C.); *C.C.C.R.* (Church Committee for China Relief, 105 E. 22nd St., N. Y. C.); *A.B.C.C.C.* (Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, 150 Fifth Ave., N. Y. C.); *A.F.S.C.* (American Friends Service Committee, 20 So. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa.).

Speakers on China

In all sections of the country there are excellent speakers on China, many of whom have had long and rich experience in China and are high authorities. These may be secured through national or regional denominational headquarters or through United China Relief. U. C. R. in its educational program has speakers making wide tours in many periods of the year. *Long-in-advance requests* will be welcomed and every effort made to fulfill them.

Informational Material and Supplies

The ministers of most denominations will look primarily to their denominational headquarters — relief agency or foreign mission board — for literature and program suggestions.

Many denominations have, and all may have specially imprinted editions of the illustrated leaflet, "Christian Aid to China," published by the Church Committee for China Relief. This is available in any quantity desired by a local church.

Free Bulletins

Ask to be put on mailing lists

"China Relief News" (*monthly*)	— U.C.R.
"Have a Heart for China" (*monthly*)	— C.C.C.R.
"The China Colleges" (*quarterly*)	— A.B.C.C.C.
Monthly Bulletin	— A.F.S.C.

Booklets

"Answers to Questions about United China Relief"—U.C.R.
"China First to Fight"—U.C.R.
"Soldiers of the Soil" (*on rural China*)—U.C.R.
"China is Labor"—U.C.R.
Annual Reports (*in June*)—C.C.C.R.—A.B.C.C.C.
Illustrated Booklets on Each of 7 Christian Colleges—A.B.C.C.C.

Posters

"Help China" by James Montgomery Flagg—14"x 22"—U.C.R.
A New (1943) Poster by Miss Martha Sawyers — U.C.R.

Motion Pictures

(*No rental charge—postage both ways*)

"What We Are Doing to Help China?"—new one-reel, 16mm.—U.C.R.
"Stand by China"—one reel, 16mm, 15 minutes—C.C.C.R.
"China's Will to Live"—one reel, 16mm, 15 minutes—C.C.C.R.

Dramatic Plays for Senior Young People

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"One for All"—cast of 6—C.C.C.R.
(*Free copies for entire casts*)

"Jackets" for Home-Made Banks—C.C.C.R.

These can be used on glass jars or ice cream containers for "penny a meal" gifts, etc.—or in Church School Classes. Free.

Other Materials

Radio scripts, radio recordings, special materials for schools and other new materials in continuous preparation.

For additional information or assistance, write to Mr. Bayard Hedrick, Campaign Director, United China Relief, Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

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